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REPORTED LANDING OF COMMANDOS IN CUBA

On the morning of June 20, 1963, Mr. MIGUEL GARCIA, who works in the Public Relations Department of the Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC), an anti-CASTRO unity organization in Miami, furnished a copy of a news release which was in the process of being issued by the CRC that morning. This release reads as follows:

"Commandos of the Cuban Revolutionary Council have landed in different parts of Cuba, continuing the actions which will definitely lead to the liberation of our country. The first reports sent by our forces reveal that the landings were effected without any difficulty and had the utmost cooperation of the peasants in the surrounding zones. These commandos, perfectly armed, have entered Cuban territory. Tomorrow, at 1:00 P.M., the general headquarters of these forces will offer a radio transmission, from Cuba, to the exiles, in the forty meter band, 7018 kilocycles."

Mr. GARCIA explained that the CRC had prepared this news release following newspaper inquiry concerning a New York press cablegram the same date concerning the landing of commandos in Cuba. Mr. GARCIA said that the commandos involved belonged to a member organization of the CRC but

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MM T-1 said that the above communique was reportedly given to the United Press by JORGE LLANES PUJOL, former writer with the Cuban newspaper "Prensa Libre," now assistant in public relations for the CRC.

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SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

MM T-1 said that about 10:00 A.M. on June 20, 1963, MANUEL ANTONIO DE VARONA and three other representatives of the CRC appeared on a Miami television program and publicly confirmed that commandos of the CRC had landed in Cuba.

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SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On the morning of June 20, 1963, MM T-2, who is associated with the CRC and who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that this commando action was led by JOSE ARRIOLA of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR) and that four groups were reportedly involved, all connected with the CRC. MM T-1 identified ARRIOLA as being the brother-in-law of SERGIO CARBO, a member of the CRC. It is to be noted that the MRR is a member organization of the CRC and that JOSE FERNANDEZ BADUE LUCAS, mentioned in the above cablegram, is a representative of the Movimiento Democrata Cristiana (MDC) to the CRC. (S)(u)

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On the morning of June 20, 1963, MM T-3 and MM T-4, both of whom are officials in the MDC, a member organization of the CRC and who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that five or six Cuban Nationals in Miami recently returned to Cuba to rejoin a Cuban underground leader known as CAMPOS. CAMPOS formerly headed an underground group under the command of THORNDYKE, a well-known Cuban underground leader, now deceased. MM T-3 and MM T-4 said that since the CRC is now being criticized, has become somewhat inactive, and is threatened with being overshadowed by other unity groups, the CRC issued this press release for political and propaganda purposes. They pointed out that five or six persons, names unknown to them, did not actually conduct a raid or attack, nor were they sent by the CRC (S)(u)

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